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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LEOPOLDVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH 2330 GMT 2 MAY

REPORTED THAT THE CONGO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD DECIDED TO

CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE PROVINCIAL

CAPITALS EFFECTIVE 1 JULY ON THE OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE

CELEBRATION TO BE HELD 30 JUNE. NEW NAMES ARE:

KINGSHASA FOR LEOPOLDVILLE,

KISANGANI FOR STANLEYVILLE,

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MBANDAKA FOR COQUILHATVILLE,

ISIRO FOR PAULIS,

BANDUNDU FOR BANNINGVILLE, AND

LUBUMBASHI FOR ELIZABETHVILLE.

BUNIA, GOMA, BUKAVU, LULUABORG, SONGOLOLO, MBUJIMAYI,

AND KAMINA REMAIN UNCHANGED. SOME, IF NOT ALL, ARE ALREADY USING

THE NEW NAMES. FUNADA 12/10537-1

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